

# National Park Service Northeast Region



## New Jersey Parks and Partnerships



**Population: 8,484,431**

**Park Visitation (Recreational)  
in 2001:**

**Delaware Water Gap NRA  
4,796,824**

**Edison NHS  
50,187**

**Gateway NRA  
8,187,226**

**Morristown NHP  
422,758**

**Total acreage for National Parks  
with land in New Jersey: 97,051**

**National Parks in the  
Northeast Region**

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### NATIONAL PARK UNITS IN NEW JERSEY

New Jerseyans have four National Scenic and Recreational Rivers, two National Recreation Areas, one National Historic Park, one National Historic site, and part of a National Scenic Trail to share with visitors and enjoy with family and friends.

### DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA; MIDDLE DELAWARE NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER

This scenic and historic area preserves relatively unspoiled land on both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania sides of the Middle Delaware National Scenic River. The river segment flows through the famous gap in the Appalachian Mountains. The park is home to a crafts center and several environmental education centers. You can learn more about Delaware Water Gap NRA at: [www.nps.gov/dewa](http://www.nps.gov/dewa)



**View of the Delaware River and the Water Gap. Photo taken from the Kttatinny Point Visitor Center in NJ.**

### EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Thomas Edison's laboratory and his 29-room residence, Glenmont, were home to the inventor from 1887 until 1931. At his "Invention Factory" he developed the phonograph, invented the movie camera and the nickel-alkaline storage battery and was awarded 1,093 patents. The complex includes his chemistry lab, machine shop, library, and the world's first motion picture studio. You can learn more about Edison NHS at [www.nps.gov/edis](http://www.nps.gov/edis)



**Glenmont, Home of Thomas Edison (Cliff Tobias, NPS)**

### GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

With more than 26,000 acres of marshes, wildlife sanctuaries, and recreational and athletic facilities along miles of sandy beaches as well as historic structures, old military installations, airfields, a lighthouse, and adjacent waters around New York harbor, this park offers urban residents in

two states a wide range of recreational opportunities and educational perspectives throughout the year. You can learn more about Gateway NRA at [www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate)

### MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Morristown was quarters for the Continental army during two critical winters-January 1777 and 1779-80. The park includes the Ford Mansion, Jockey Hollow, and Fort Mifflin. You can learn more about Morristown NHP at [www.nps.gov/morr](http://www.nps.gov/morr)

In addition to these traditional National Park System units, New Jersey is home to three Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers and part of the Appalachian Trail.

### GREAT EGG HARBOR NATIONAL SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER

Running through or along the famous Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey, this river includes many of the Great Egg Harbor River's tributaries. The river is the largest canoeing river in the Barrens and is near the urban centers of Philadelphia, Trenton, Camden, and Wilmington. You can learn more by going to:

[www.nps.gov/phso/greategg.htm](http://www.nps.gov/phso/greategg.htm) or,  
[www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/GreatEggHarbor\\_wsr\\_sub.html](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/GreatEggHarbor_wsr_sub.html)

### LOWER DELAWARE NATIONAL SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER

The Lower Delaware River region contains immense resource diversity, combining an area of high population density with a wealth of natural, cultural, and historical resources and recreational opportunities. The river valley houses cliffs rising 400 feet above the river that provide for magnificent scenery and habitat unique to the region. The south-facing, desert-like slopes are home to the prickly pear cactus, while the north-facing slopes display flora and fauna usually only found in arctic-alpine climates. You can learn more at:

[www.nps.gov/phso/lowerdel.htm](http://www.nps.gov/phso/lowerdel.htm) or,  
[www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/LowerDelaware\\_wsr\\_sub.html](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/LowerDelaware_wsr_sub.html)

### MAURICE NATIONAL SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER

The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve, providing a critical link between the Reserve and the Delaware Estuary. State and local governments, and conservation organizations own significant acreage for preservation purposes. The rivers and associated wetlands serve as nurseries for ocean-going wildlife, offering food and habitat for resident and migrating species, many of which are considered endangered. You can learn more by going to:

[www.nps.gov/phso/maurice.htm](http://www.nps.gov/phso/maurice.htm) or,  
[www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/Maurice\\_wsr\\_sub.html](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/wsr/Maurice_wsr_sub.html)

### APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Part of the Appalachian Trail wends its way through New Jersey. Approximately 2000 miles long, the trail follows the Appalachian Mountains from Mt. Katahdin, Maine through New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, to Springer Mountain, Georgia. You can learn more about the Appalachian Trail at [www.nps.gov/appa](http://www.nps.gov/appa)



Boats on the Lower Delaware River

For information about the NJ state park system, see:

[www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/parknj](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/parknj)



Maurice River

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